Import of edible oil

478. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL:

Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to import edible oil;

(b) if so, at what rate and the quantity of edible oils likely to be imported;

(c) the quantity of edible oil imported and amount spent thereon during the last three years; and

(d) whether such imports would not effect the interests of oil seed users?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) and (b) Government is already importing edible oils. The quantum of edible oils being imported is decided by the Government from time to time, keeping in view various factors such as the gap between demand and supply, international prices of edible oils, availability of foreign exchange and other related factors.

(c) The quantity of edible oils imported and the amount spent thereon during the last three oil-years are as under:—

Oil-year	Quantity (in lakh tonnes)	Value (in crores)
1984-85	13.68	1122.13
1985-86	11.79	488.95
1986-87	14.97	666.67

(d) No, Sir.

Subsidy on farm inputs

479. SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:
SHRI M. A. BABY:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of subsidy on farm inputs during the last three years, year-wise; and

(b) the expected position during the next three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) Subsidy has been provided on farm inputs like fertilisers, plant protection and agricultural implements, under Central/Centrally Sponsored Programmes. Details of the amount of subsidy provided on these inputs during the last three years are given below:—

(Rs. in crores)

1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
1604.13	1704.75	2053.54

(b) It is not possible to indicate the position regarding subsidies for the next three years, at present.

Books and periodicals published by the Publication Division

480. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:
SMT. VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of books and periodicals published by the